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## CRASHED! ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT 1989

**A**s Omaha, and the world, gradually runs out of space, where will all the garbage go? After 15 years, Douglas County is closing its primary landfill at 126th and State Streets, because it has been filled to capacity. A new landfill will open in early September.

In an effort to dispose of its waste, the medical industry is turning to incinerators. A Minnesota company is proposing to build two waste incinerators in Omaha near Eppley Airfield. Advantages and disadvantages of waste incinerators are numerous, as are the different types of medical waste. Aside from the University of Nebraska Medical Center and local hospital units, Omaha currently has no medical waste incinerators, and Omaha Mayor P.J. Morgan has called for a six-month moratorium on building any hazardous waste incinerators in the city.

Recycling is also being used to combat the waste problem and several organizations at UNO are joining the fight. The College of Fine Arts has worked out a deal with a local recycler which will provide scholarship funds, and Campus Computing also recycles used computer paper. The effort is also state wide. Gov. Kay Orr has declared the month of August "Recycling Month."

For more information, see pages 4 and 5.



--Dave Weaver

This landfill, at 126th and State Street, will close on Aug. 31. A new landfill will be opened on Sept. 1 near 216th Street and Highway 36.

## Professors' union wins salary increase

By ERIC STOAKES

Editor

It has been a long road to equality for women faculty at UNO.

After nearly two years of discussion and analysis, the issue of gender-based salary discrimination has been settled.

The Board of Regents voted Saturday to increase women faculty members' salaries \$1,000.

"It was a long and difficult process," said Kim Sosin, Faculty Senate president and assistant professor of economics. "There have been people working on this for years."

The salary increases were part of a settlement that requested three major compensations.

• Increase women faculty members' salary base \$1,000.

• Pay \$500 to each woman faculty member who was employed as of February 1, 1988, with the condition that she sign an agreement not to pursue legal action for compensation for alleged salary discrimination prior to 1989.

• Agree to conduct studies this fall and in the fall of 1990 and 1991 to ensure the disparity problem has been corrected.

Gender-based salary discrimination at

UNO was first addressed in September 1987 after the release of the A-line Gender Study. That study, which used salaries from 1986-87, revealed a salary disparity of \$1,623 and \$2,212 to the disadvantage of women.

In December 1987, UNO's chapter of the American Association of University Professors (UNO-AAUP) filed an official grievance pertaining to the disparity issue.

But the university had yet to act upon the issue until Saturday.

Last fall, the university commissioned its own study to determine if the disparity existed, and if it did, to find the extent of that disparity. Completed last December, the study's finding were never formally released.

"They (university officials) considered it an internal document," West said.

Negotiations began again in May between the university and the UNO-AAUP to find a solution. Both the union and the university worked on new studies using salaries from 1988-89 to pinpoint the disparity. However, both studies generated different results.

The university study found a salary disparities of \$657, \$858 and \$867, depending upon the model used for the study.

The union's analysis identified a differential of \$1,371.

West said one of the major reasons for the delay in making an agreement was those disparity figures kept ending up different.

"The question was: Why are we ending up with different data?" West said.

The union concluded one of the problems in differing figures was caused by the inclusion of starting salaries as a variable in the model.

"Once the variable of starting salaries was dropped, the results of both sides were close enough," West said.

University Counsel Richard Wood, who drafted the final settlement that the board voted upon Saturday, agreed the starting salary variable was the major reason why data was not corresponding.

"When starting salaries were taken out, we found the disadvantage to be in the amount of \$1,321 and \$1,371," Wood said.

Once the starting salaries were dropped from the model, the union and the university agreed upon the \$1,000 increase and the other provisions included in the agreement.

"I would say it was a good compromise," West said. "Just from talking to women faculty, they seem pleased the distribution will occur and that the problem has been settled."

Wood said the settlement was a fair and equitable solution to the problem. "It was something that needed to be done," he said.

Sosin agreed the settlement was the fairest and simplest resolution, but she said some women faculty would have been more satisfied with more considerations.

She said women faculty who have been employed by UNO longer may have suffered from more severe discrimination if the disparity has been evident for many years.

"Given that they have been here more years, they may have suffered longer," Sosin said.

West said she feels most women faculty will choose the \$500, one-time payment, rather than pursue legal action.

"I think the women are pleased that the problem is resolved, and I don't anticipate anyone filing a lawsuit," West said.

"One of the realities," she continued, "is that it's very expensive to pursue a lawsuit and the probability of winning is not very good."

Recent U.S. Supreme Court rulings have toughened standards needed to prove discrimination cases, West said.

"I certainly hope everyone will agree to the \$500 payment," Wood said.

# SECOND PAGE

## Roskens' performance and salary review still incomplete

By ERIC STOAKES

Editor

Norfolk—In its final meeting of the summer, the Board of Regents made no move Saturday to dispel rumors that NU President Ronald Roskens' term as the top university official may be coming to an end.

Roskens' salary increase was once again shelved, with the board stating that his performance review has not been completed.

At its last meeting, June 23, the board approved salary increases for all upper level officials in Central Administration except for Roskens.

After that meeting, Regent Chairwoman Nancy Hoch said the board had simply run out of time on the Roskens' salary issue, and it would act upon it at the July meeting in Norfolk.

But no action was taken Saturday.

The delay has put credence in remarks made last week by Regents Donald Fricke and Robert Allen, who said it is time Roskens left the NU system.

Regent Kermit Hansen said the regents have agreed not to discuss Roskens' performance review until it is completed.

"I don't know when it will be concluded," Hansen said.

The board conducts a performance review of the president annually. Salary adjustments are then based upon that evaluation. Roskens' current salary is \$112,000.

Hansen said the performance review is a "standard executive review."

"It's like all the others," he said. "We ask, 'What have you done, what are you going to

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do, and what can the board do to help?'

In other business, the board unanimously approved \$1,000 salary increases for women faculty at UNO. The raise was part of a settlement addressing gender-based salary discrimination.

"Since it was a unanimous vote, I think it is pretty clear how the board felt about that issue," Hansen said.

The board also extended the early retirement program for tenured faculty members by two years. Seventy-six faculty members will be eligible under the program extension. In order to qualify, faculty must be 62 years old and have at least 10 years of service.

James McShane, UNL Faculty Senate President, told the board a recent study predicted a faculty shortage within the next two decades. The extended program will aid the shortage by allowing the university to hire younger faculty before the shortage arrives.

The board also allotted \$7.4 million in bonds for construction of a new parking structure at the Medical Center. Approved in April, the structure will provide 778 parking spaces for patients, visitors and employees. The board also named committee members to conduct an internal study of the NU system and post-secondary education in the state. The committee's study will coincide with the study of higher education in Nebraska enacted by the Unicameral.

Regents Donald Blank, Fricke and Hoch will be members of the board committee.

The Board of Regents will meet next Sept. 7 and 8.



Photo by Dave Weaver

Bobbie Jo Lynn of the Sacramento Freelancers warms up before performing in Monday's "Drums Across the Midlands" competition on the UNO campus. Seven band corps were represented from seven states.

## Impeachments not new in Student Government

By DAVID MANNING  
*News Editor*

Although Student Sen. Kent Goetz's recent articles of impeachment against Student President/Regent Paula Effle may seem unusual, this is not the first time impeachment proceedings have been brought up against a student body president.

Goetz's resolution was introduced to the Student Senate July 13, and the senate has yet to vote on it.

The first and only UNO president/regent to be impeached by the Student Senate was Steve Shovers in Oct. 1976.

Student Activities Manager Terry Forman, who graduated from UNO in 1979, said he knew Shovers and remembers the controversy.

"That was a really interesting time," he said.

Following allegations Shovers entered the files of the Secondary Education Department without proper authorization and made committee appointments without senate approval, the senate passed resolutions impeaching the president/regent.

The Student Court found Shovers guilty of malfeasance in the unauthorized entry into the files of the Secondary Educa-

tion Department in July, but acquitted him of making committee appointments without senate approval, based on insufficient evidence.

Since 1976, there has been at least one other impeachment resolution brought before the Student Senate against a president/regent.

In June 1985 Sen. John Spethman submitted a resolution calling for the impeachment of President/Regent Mike DeBolt.

Spethman later withdrew the resolution, but the senate did officially reprimand DeBolt, citing a lack of communication between the president/regent and the senate as the problem.

Although arguments between president/regents and the senate are common, Forman said, in the last four of five years, relations between the two bodies have been calm.

"There have been some president/regents that didn't get along with the senate," Forman said.

Forman indicated this was the case in the current situation.

"There were people in the senate that were upset with Paula," he said. According to Forman, Goetz's resolution may have been introduced to attract attention to the situation.

"If that was his point, then he was very successful," Forman said.

## Clark resigns as CAO of student government

By DAVID MANNING  
*News Editor*

After nearly eighteen months, Greg Clark will step down Aug. 9 from his position of Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) of Student Government.

Clark said recent problems in Student Government did not play a role in his resignation.

Although conflicts within Student Government are inevitable and sometimes helpful, Clark said there has been problems within the organization that have not been beneficial.

"We haven't worked well together in the last six months," he said. "There has been petty squabbling at times."

He said he is looking forward to just being a student again. "I really enjoyed the days when I went to the university, went to class and went home."

Clark, who is working on a graduate degree in psychology, said one of the reasons he is leaving Student Government is to focus his attention on other responsibilities.

"I'd rather solve real-life problems," said Clark, who is also a youth minister for the Church of Christ. "What we've been through in the last six months is part of the political process."

He said he reached the point where he couldn't balance both jobs. "I don't have the time to give to the position," he added.

Clark said the experience of being CAO was worthwhile.

"I enjoy working with people and I did see the position as a way of learning," he said. "I learned a lot."

According to Clark, he was not well informed of the duties and responsibilities of the job when he started.

"When you step into that position you look around and your first move is to figure out what the heck is going on," he said. "I'm not going to leave someone hanging there."

## Women faculty get \$1,000 raise starting in August

Women faculty could receive their \$1,000 salary increases as soon as August, according to Janet West, president of the UNO chapter of the American Association of University Professors (UNO-AAUP).

"In all likelihood, the raises should appear in the August paychecks," West said.

The Board of Regents unanimously approved the salary increases Saturday, one day after the UNO-AAUP's approval.

The raises passed by the board were part of a settlement relating to gender-based salary discrimination.

In addition to the \$1,000 salary base increase, women faculty employed as of February, 1988 are eligible for a one-time payment of \$500 by agreeing not to pursue legal action pertaining to alleged discrimination that may have occurred before 1989.

West said those faculty members who opt for the \$500 compensation payment should receive it by Sept. 30.

# OPINION

## Women faculty made progress, but not enough

"Now they should be happy," he said.

"Now who should be happy?" I asked my friend. We were sitting in the Arts and Sciences lounge inhaling the smoke. (My friend is partial to bar-like atmospheres and this is the closest thing UNO has to offer.)

"The women on this campus," he continued. "Well, you know, how they're all getting a \$1,000 increase in their salaries and an additional \$500 if they keep their mouths shut and promise not to sue."

It's not all the women, I informed him, and it has been a long time coming. This is really just a drop in the bucket compared to what they should get.

Women faculty members were given the increase due to a gender-based salary discrimination suit started on behalf of the UNO chapter of the American Association of University Professors (UNO-AAUP) in 1987. The union claimed during the 1986-87 academic year women received between \$1,623 to \$2,212 less than men.

Naturally, UNO turned around and conducted its own survey which showed, during the 1987-88 academic year, discrepancies were somewhere between \$657 to \$867. Hmm, that's some difference.

However, for some strange reason, UNO administrators felt compelled not to release the results of the study. The only way the UNO-AAUP received a copy of the studies' results was through a state senator who happened to get his hands on

a copy. And the university's administrators sort of dragged their feet until the UNO-AAUP refiled its grievance in March of 1989 in an effort to get some action.

Action they got. And all it took were months, and in some instances years, for the women faculty to see recognizable results. So the \$1,000 pay increase is good toward their salaries, and an additional \$500 will be given to those faculty

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COLUMNIST

members who choose to sign a piece of paper promising they won't sue for alleged discrimination that happened before 1989.

Certainly there are a lot of people, my friend included, who feel this is enough to satisfy women faculty members and the women on this campus in general. And sure, this is definitely a victory, but try telling that to the women faculty members who have been on this campus for years and never got the pay equivalent of their male peers.

According to Elaine Hess, associate vice chancellor of Academic Affairs, UNO has 108 full-time women faculty members. That number includes assistants, associates, and full professors. Out of these 108 female faculty members, only 12 are full-time professors.

Last fall, I wrote a story on the women's liberation movement based on interviews with UNO faculty members. I got an eye-opener, to say the least, and probably more of a history lesson in that series of one-hour interviews than I've learned in any UNO course. Things that I, and other women my age, take for granted, are issues the women who have been given the \$1,000 increase have been struggling over for years.

Money is nice, but discrimination on campus is far from removed. Now these things may seem minor, but wait. Last fall, in one of my intense education classes, we were discussing the increase in teachers' salaries. The professor remarked that salaries were good now because "most teachers" salaries are only supplementing their husbands' incomes. I looked around to see if any of the other students were offended. My bag was packed and I was ready to walk, but no one even blinked, moved or protested.

I also gave an interpretation in one of my classes last fall on the short story "Chrysanthemums." I wrote in my paper the main character fought to be treated as an equal by her male counterparts. The woman professor wrote back in bright red, "This is not right. This had nothing to do with any of this feminist stuff."

This summer in my English class, the teacher has repeatedly referred to the men in the class as "men" and the women as "you girls."

Minor stuff, right? Think about it, my friend.

## Regents leave Roskens lying on the road

There were a lot of dead animals on the road to Norfolk Saturday. And they were still there on the way back.

After all top Central Administration officials except Roskens received pay raises, effective July 1, rumors spread that Roskens was intentionally snubbed.

One would think the controversy that arose after the regents postponed Roskens' performance review until the July 22 meeting in Norfolk would have caused the board to make a decision as soon as possible.

Instead, Roskens appears to be the victim of a regent road kill.

Last month, Board Chairwoman Nancy Hoch assured

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those concerned that the board had merely run out of time, and the issue would be brought up at the July 22 meeting, to be held in Norfolk.

After the June meeting Hoch said, "Since time did not permit the completion of the process for the June meeting, the president's salary will be acted upon at the July meeting."

That's practically a promise - to the media, to the university and to Roskens.

The July meeting has come and gone, but Roskens has been left standing alone in the middle of the road.

It now seems obvious the regents, who will not meet officially again until Sept. 7, haven't accomplished the task Hoch said they would. And if they haven't, what have they been doing?

Here's two possible explanations for the board's delayed decision:

A. The presidential review is taking longer than anticipated because Roskens has been doing a great/awful job, and the regents can't make a decision one way or the other on his pay raise.

B. The Board of Regents is trying to tell Roskens something, but doesn't want to let anyone else in on the secret.

If the first explanation is valid, then all the controversy is unwarranted. By postponing a decision for three months, however, the Board of Regents could damage its credibility.

We're betting on the second option.

If the board hasn't finished the presidential review process, why are Regents Bob Allen and Donald Fricke telling the press Roskens should hit the road?

Regardless of the regents' displeasure of Roskens' handling of the Kearney State issue, they owe him a straight answer. Unless, of course, their ultimate aim is to get him to resign, thus saving them the trouble of asking him to leave.

So far, the regents are sticking together on this issue. After Saturday's meeting in Norfolk, not one is willing to talk about the issue. Unless somebody speaks out, the speculation will continue until the September meeting.

Until then, Roskens will be left lying on the road.

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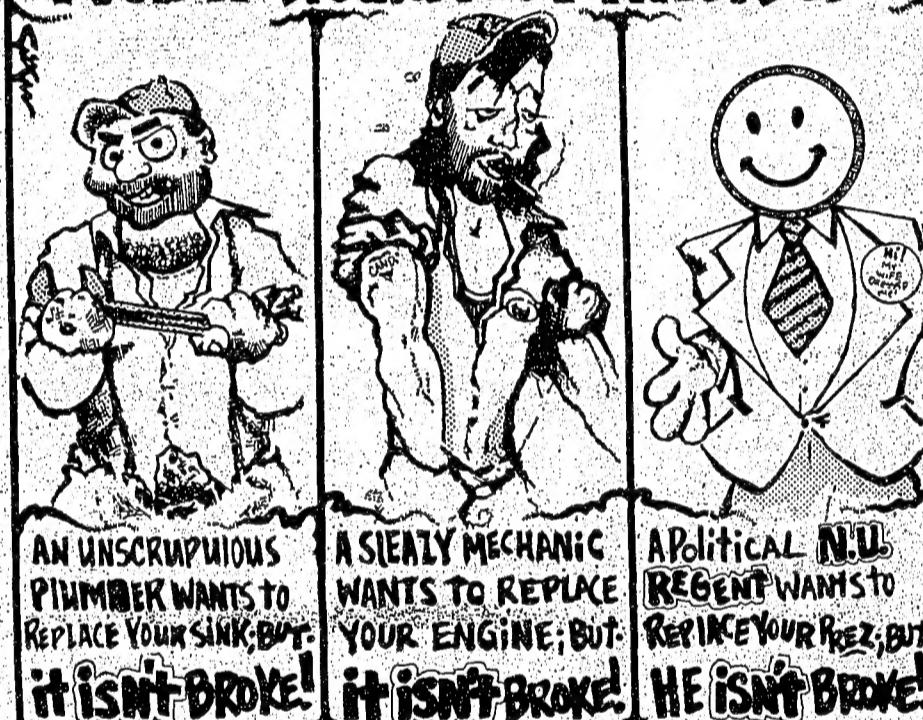
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## LETTERS

### To the Editor:

As a long-time UNO student, I would like to express my profound disagreement with Student Sen. Kent Goetz's attempt to effect the impeachment of Student President/Regent Paula Effle.

I find such an action irresponsible in the extreme, for it seems to represent nothing more than a power play on the part of certain student senators, senators who seem to feel that it is not the duty of the President/Regent to represent the feelings of the whole student body, but rather to serve as a mere echo of the senate.

For the senators involved to hold this rather undemocratic sentiment is bad enough; to attempt to implement it through the tactic of impeachment, always a legislative "weapon of last resort," is ridiculous. I am quite confident many other students also share this view.

If Sen. Goetz is unalterably opposed to the policies of President/Regent Effle, then let him challenge her at the next election, and let the students decide, in true democratic form, who they wish to have occupying that office.

As it is, the proposed impeachment is nothing more than a legislative coup d'état, and would serve no other purpose than to satisfy what seems to be a simple case of personal dislike.

I urge all responsible senators to oppose this resolution, if indeed it ever comes to a vote. Democratically elected officials may be fair game for coups in other nations, but it really isn't the sort of thing we want to see at UNO.

Tom C. Schafer  
Graduate Student

### To the Editor:

President Bush spoke recently in Eastern Europe, Western Europe and at home about our wonderful capitalistic economic system. It is wonderful with regard to GNP performance. But, essentially, it is based upon narcissism and greed.

Study Freud and learn more about such drives. Freud (and Jung) will be taught during a UNO London semester at the University of London in the Spring of 1990.

D. T. Pedrini, Ph.D.  
Psychology Professor

### To the Editor:

Thank you for the splendid articles regarding our current campus construction scene. You somehow captured the complex nature and scope of these projects and presented them in understandable terms.

The Gateway provides a meaningful service to students, staff and the public. You have assisted us considerably in the task of informing our UNO colleagues about our growth and progress. For this, we are deeply appreciative.

Again, my congratulations on a quality piece of journalistic enterprise.

Charles E. Andrew  
Chancellor  
University of Nebraska Medical Center

# ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT 1989

## Medical waste disposal a necessity for local hospitals and Omaha

By ELIZABETH OMMACHEN

Staff Reporter

**M**edical waste has become a growing concern for the Omaha community in the wake of a recent proposal from Biowaste Services Inc. of Plymouth, Minn. The company has proposed to build two medical waste incinerators in the vicinity of 506 Crown Point Ave., near Eppley Airfield.

What is medical waste?

According to Edward Bogard, Director of the Physical Plant at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, medical waste can be separated into four categories:

- General office waste (paper, etc.).
- Infectious and pathological waste (non-toxic waste which includes blood, blood products, growing medium used in labs, needles, scalpels and syringes).
- Hazardous waste (chemicals used in the laboratory and paint shops).
- Radiological waste (which is a separate entity, closely controlled by the Nuclear Regulatory Agency).

**"You can incinerate hazardous waste, but even its residue must be considered hazardous and contained, identified and disposed of under Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations."**

--Bogard

The Medical Center's process of incineration, which is a Starved-Air System (for general and pathological waste), consists of three major components.

The primary chamber has temperatures ranging from 900 to 1000 degrees which change the waste to ash.

The second chamber, at 1800 degrees, destroys infectious and harmful chemicals to an exhaust gas which is not harmful, according to Bogard.

The third chamber, the waste heat boiler of 500 to 600 degrees, transforms the exhaust into steam, oxygen, hydrogen and some oxygenated products that are a natural part of combustion.

The steam is then used for heating and sterilization in the

Medical Center.

Bogard concedes there are other methods, such as bleaching and steam sterilizing, to sterilize some medical waste.

"But we feel incineration is best for us," Bogard said, adding that even the ash from incineration is sterile and can be put into a city landfill with no harmful ramifications.

"If we did not incinerate, we would have to hire a contractor to haul the waste, and there is always the possibility of spillage," Bogard said. "By doing it ourselves we do not rely on a third party."

However, the Medical Center does rely on a licensed contractor to handle its radiological waste. As of now, the university has had no problems with the contractor.

Bogard said incinerators are an advantage to waste disposal because they "reduce potential for pollution, reduce the material considered waste up to 90 percent in volume and weight, and generate steam as a byproduct to reclaim some energy developed in the burning process."

The disadvantages include "the large capital investment to get this thing kicked off," Bogard said.

The cost of the Medical Center's waste management system is \$900,000, and maintenance of it, including labor and fuel, is \$10,000 per month.

Other disadvantages are "the need for alterations and additions as EPA regulations change, and perceptions by some that medical waste incinerators cause odor, soot and the possible spread of infection," Bogard said.

"However, if the incinerator is run properly, we don't run those risks."

Aside from local hospital units, the only other medical waste incinerators in Omaha may soon be the proposed Biowaste incinerators.

Tom Foster, chairman and founder of People Against Polluters, said the only incinerator similar to the Biowaste design currently operated in the United States is the Fairfax County Hospital incinerator in Fairfax, Virginia.

"It's a CS 325-1 incinerator," Foster said. "It's the exact same equipment (as Biowaste's proposed incinerators)."

The Fairfax incinerator was shut down until the right combination of equipment to control pollution was attained, he said.

Pressure from the Virginia Department of Environmental Control, among others, forced the addition of the proper equipment to the Fairfax incinerator, he said.

"If we got anything done with our little campaign," Foster said in reference to the efforts of CLEAN (Citizens Lobbying for Environmental Action in Nebraska) and People Against Polluters, "we got them to put scrubbers on, we got them to put

### FUND A REFUND

Fund A refund forms for the summer sessions will be available in the administrative offices of the Milo Bail Student Center during the week of

July 31 - August 4

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## Four campus

By ELIZABETH OMMACHEN

Staff Reporter

*Two to three weeks of daily newspapers are equivalent to one fully grown tree.*

*Energy saved from one glass bottle would light a 100 watt bulb for four hours.*

*Throwing away one aluminum can is like throwing away six ounces of gasoline.*

-- from The San Francisco Recycling Guide

Recycling has found its place on campus not through any environmentalist organization, but through independent efforts.

At least four campus organizations are taking their trash seriously.

UNO's Health Promotion Network (HPN) and Health Science Honorary Eta Sigma Gamma are involved in recycling cans.

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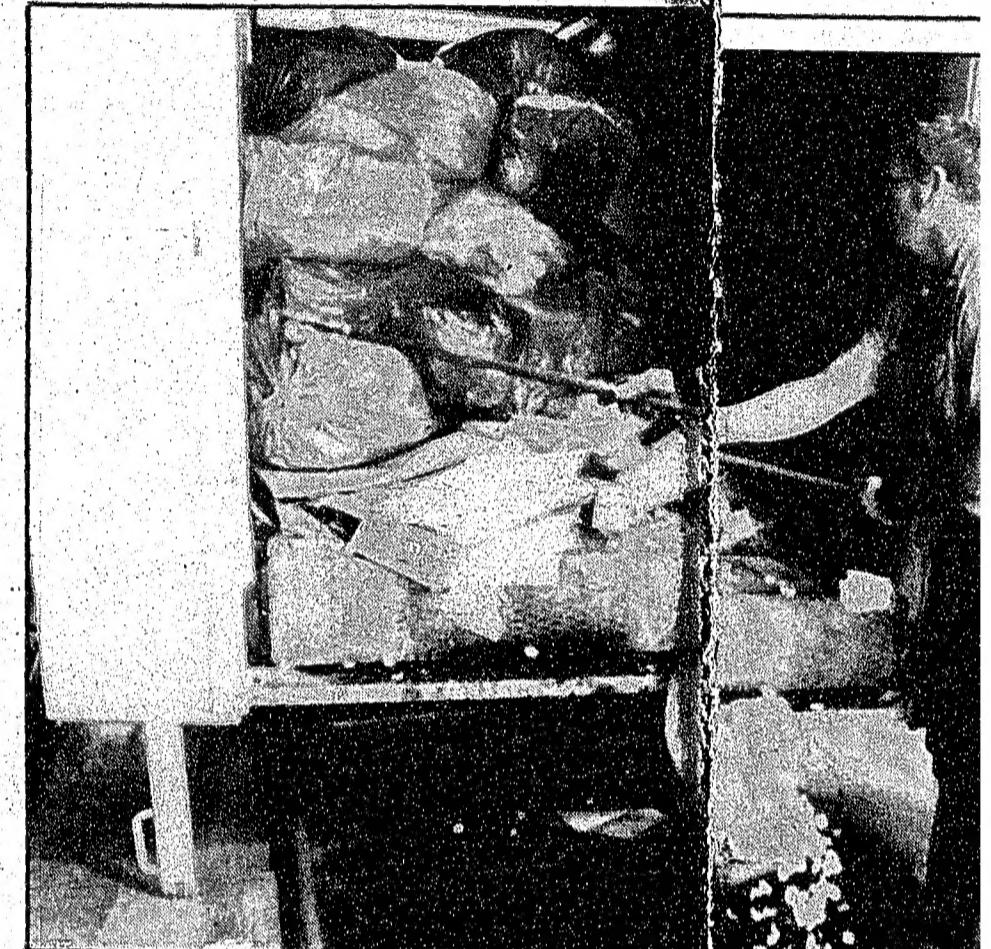
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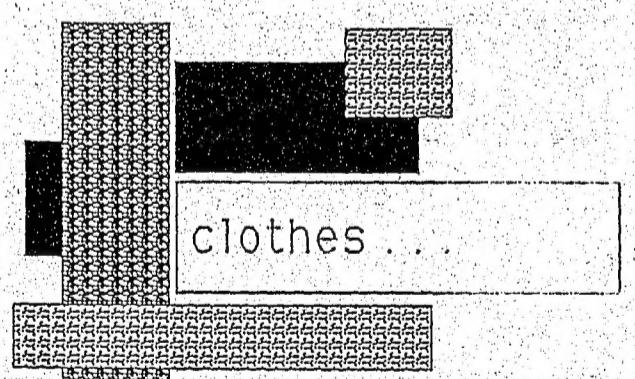
the baghouse on and now we've got them to put a CO continuous monitor on. None of that was going to originally be on the Biowaste incinerator."

The dry lime scrubber neutralizes the acid found in the medical waste.

The baghouse is a series of fabric filters that aid in cleaning of exhaust from the incinerators.

Both components were added to help prevent air pollution.

"The CO (carbon monoxide) continuous monitor will feed data about temperature and carbon monoxide emission into a computer and that information will be accessible to environmental groups and state regulators," Foster said. "It's a clue as to how much of the other pollutants are being exhausted."



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## organizations take trash seriously

Dr. David Corbin, a member of the executive board of the HPN, found UNO has the potential of recycling 44,000 cans.

At 35 cents per pound, that is a potential income of \$5,800 per year for HPN and Eta Sigma Gamma.

Richard Snowden, Director of Campus Computing, has been involved in recycling paper since shortly after the formation of the Campus Computing Department in September, 1982.

His office recycles standard computer paper and Xerox paper.

Due to the efforts of Campus Computing, 23 barrel collection locations are located on campus.

The paper is picked up weekly by Hall Paper of Council Bluffs which collected 480,000 pounds last year at one cent per pound.

"That doesn't seem like a lot of money, but that is

480,000 pounds that wasn't put into our landfills, and it's \$480 that the Campus Computing didn't have before," Snowden said.

Snowden said he would like to see the university create an organization responsible for recycling, but he doubts such a venture would be able to pay for itself.

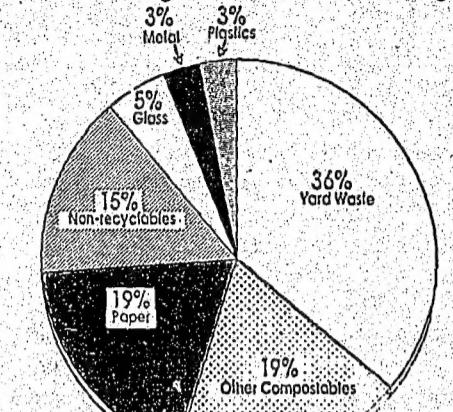
Campus Computing makes a conscious effort to keep the recycling operation neat and clean, according to Snowden, but problems such as the "unsightly mess" and the attraction of bees do occur.

However, the College of Fine Arts has discovered a way to overcome the unsightliness of recycling by creating "art."

According to Nancy Kelly, Art Gallery director, the can-art display in March, 1989 was the beginning of the College of Fine Arts' involvement in recycling.

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Omaha's Garbage Profile: A Residential Average



A total of 144,060 tons of trash are dumped each year.  
Data courtesy Dan Slaten, Recycling Coordinator for the Omaha Public Works Dept. Given by the City.



logical wastes separately from hazardous wastes.

According to Foster, who has a copy of Biowaste's original application for an incinerator permit, Biowaste will have the capacity to burn 840 pounds of waste an hour, or 20 tons of waste a day.

Foster also said Biowaste's Omaha venture is its first attempt at managing and running a medical waste incinerator since the company was established in 1988.

Omaha Mayor P.J. Morgan has called for a six-month moratorium on building any hazardous waste incinerators in Omaha. He also asked Biowaste to withdraw its application for a permit and resubmit it in six months, according to the Omaha World-Herald.

## County will open new landfill Sept. 1

By JOHN WATSON

Feature Editor

The new Douglas County landfill near 216th Street and Highway 36 will begin operation Sept. 1, according to Norman Hanson, manager of Environmental Control for Douglas County Special Services.

The current landfill, located at 126th and State streets, is full and will close Aug. 31, Hanson said. That landfill has been in operation since 1973.

The new landfill will cover 260 acres, 100 acres larger than the current fill. At the new facility, only 84 acres will be permitted for the fill. The rest of the land will be used for farming in order to separate the fill from surrounding property, Hanson said.

"The site was investigated by the County Planning Commission, the State of Nebraska and Department of Environmental Control," he said. "There are a lot of restrictions on landfills nowadays. According to Douglas County zoning regulations, a landfill cannot operate within one mile of a subdivision."

Hanson said residents near the site were opposed to its construction. They objected to possible blowing trash, increased heavy truck traffic, and ground water contamination that could be caused by the new landfill.

"There will be a deputy sheriff in the area to enforce litter laws and transportation laws," he said.

Since recycling has become more of an awareness issue, Hanson said the amount of waste taken to the new landfill should be less when compared to the State Street facility.

When the county finally closes the gates on the State Street facility, the entire site will be completely covered with 3 feet of compacted clay. "The first thing is to get the grass growing to control erosion," Hanson said. "Once the grass is growing then we can do some landscaping."

The land will probably be used for a park or for some type of recreational activity, he said. "People have talked about ball diamonds; people have talked about shooting ranges. Some even want to use the land to launch ultra-light aircraft."

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# Chinese students' demands echo back to 1919

By PATRICK RUNGE

Staff Reporter

Fifth in a series on the crisis in China

The student uprising in Tiananmen Square earlier this summer was not without precedent, according to Assistant History Professor Lorraine Gesick.

Since the Manchu Dynasty was overthrown in 1911, China has seen two similar revolts, Gesick said.

The first, May 4, 1919, concerned the Treaty of Versailles. The second, in 1949, was the Communist Revolution.

In 1915, both China and Japan entered World War I on the side of the Allies. "China wanted to regain territory lost to the Germans (Shantung), while Japan wanted to form a type of protectorate in China," Gesick said.

During negotiations of the Treaty of Versailles at the end of the war, both China and Japan wanted the Shantung province, located on the eastern coast of modern China.

"The Chinese were hopeful that President Woodrow Wilson's Fourteen Points and emphasis on national self-determination would be adhered to," Gesick said, ultimately giving Shantung to China.

However, the treaty gave the province to the Japanese. A telegram, telling of the humiliating treaty China was being forced to sign, was sent back to China.

"The telegram circulated, and student unrest, already present, was galvanized," Gesick said.

Students began protesting in 1919, first in small numbers at Beijing University, then in progressively greater numbers around China.

"There were huge protests," Gesick said. "At first it was only male students, but then female students got involved in protesting. That was very unusual for the time."

The demonstrations became

known as the May 4 movement, named for the day the demonstrations started. As a result, both the nationalist and communist movements in China grew stronger.

"The students became politically active, they were all concerned about how to save China," Gesick said.

The May 4 movement was a model for the demonstrations in Tiananmen Square in May and June of this year, Gesick said.

"There were some small protests earlier this year," she

said. "But when May 4 rolled around, 70 years exactly after the 1919 demonstrations, the movement really picked up steam."

The slogans of the two movements were similar as well.

"In 1919, the slogans chanted were 'Science and Democracy,'" she said. "In 1989 the slogans were 'Science and Democracy.'"

"The students said that the movement of 1919 was never fulfilled," she said.

The May 4 movement also affected the Communist Revolution in China.

"Mao Tse-Tung was one of the May 4 students," Gesick said. "He was right in the midst of everything."

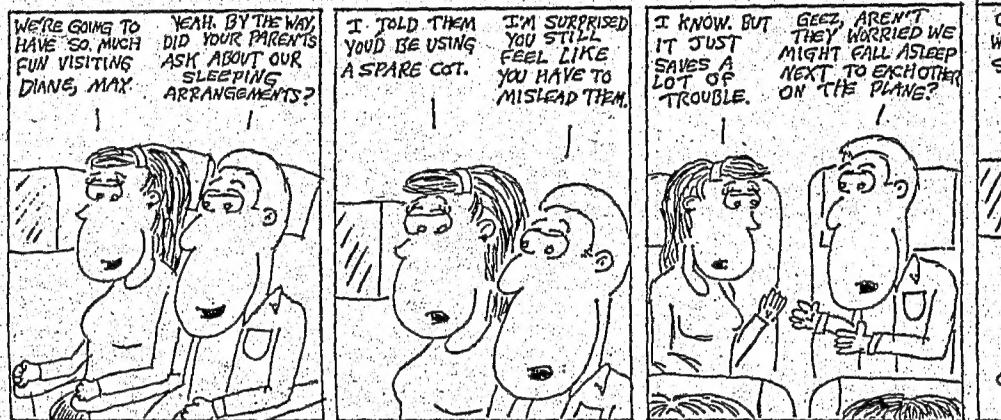
According to Gesick, the Communist Revolution was not a revolution of the people.

"It was a military revolution, with popular support," Gesick said. "The Japanese invaded China in 1937, and students felt that it wasn't time to study, but time to resist."

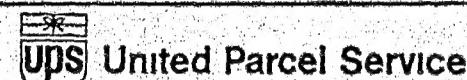
"Many students joined the nationalist army, and many others joined the Communist army. But by 1949, it (the Communist Revolution) was a military revolution," Gesick said.

The link between the 1919 and 1989 movements is clearer, Gesick said. "Many students feel that the 'Science' part of their slogan has, for the most part, been achieved. Now what they demand is the 'Democracy.'"

## BIG MAX ON CAMPUS



by Bob Atherton



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# Recycling from page 5

The College of Fine Arts, in conjunction with the departments of art, dramatic arts, fine arts press, music, writer's workshop and the library collected 3,800 pounds of paper in June. Old newspapers, office paper and computer forms comprised the collection.

The Central Area Recycling Exchange (CARE) program collects the recyclable paper the first Tuesday of each month.

CARE is a project of the Eastern Nebraska Community Office of Retardation (ENCOR), which provides paid job skills training for mentally retarded adults.

Currently, 23 individuals have received training in processing the recyclable materials.

CARE does not pay for the paper by the pound. However, the organization is instituting a four-year scholarship for a College of Fine Arts student this fall.

"All of us in the office became more educated about recycling," said Roger Foltz, assistant to the dean of the College of Fine Arts. "People have to make a conscious effort to undertake recycling. It becomes habit."

Foltz identifies the College of Fine Arts' affiliation with recycling as "a wonderful thing for the ecology."

Student Sen. Matt Shrader is instigating a plan for a paper drive competition to include any organization that has a recognized constitution on file with Student Government.

The competition is tentatively planned for the last week of September, and the participants will be allowed at least two weeks for collecting paper.

The paper will be collected and weighed by CARE and the proceeds of the paper drive will go to the College of Fine Arts scholarship, according to Shrader.

The recycling effort does not stop at UNO's borders. Governor Kay Orr has declared the month of August Recycling Month.

And according to Omaha City Councilman Jim Cleary, the Omaha community is already being assimilated with plans for recycling.

Cleary is the Chairman of the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee.

In his mayoral campaign, Cleary stressed the need to begin a city-wide program for recycling grass (which constitutes leaves, twigs and yard waste) and newspapers.

"More than 50 percent of Nebraska landfills are grass and newsprint," Cleary said. "Let's start with the big items."

He said these are two of the easiest items to recycle because most homeowners already separate them.

The only problem is collection.

Currently, newspapers are being recycled, but only 15 percent of the Omaha population participates in this program.

Cleary said the city could save up to one million dollars per year in garbage hauling fees and landfill costs by recycling grass and newsprint.

"We could get 90 percent participation through promotion and convenient weekly pick-ups," Cleary said. "Then the bandwagon effect will be created. The city has to be the catalyst to spread that program."

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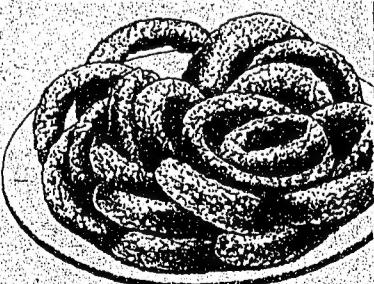
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## Lee exhibits talent but makes disturbing film

By ELIZABETH TAPE  
Entertainment Reviewer

Spike Lee's latest film, "Do The Right Thing," is a disturbing tale that is, if anything, hard to forget.

Populated by characters who repeatedly engage in aggressive and hostile behavior, "Do The Right Thing" records 24 hours in the Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood of Brooklyn, New York, a primarily black community. It is a setting where tension ultimately culminates into tragedy.

### Movie REVIEW

The film opens with disc jockey Mister Senor Love Daddy (Sam Jackson), awakening the neighborhood with news of a blisteringly hot day. Lee then introduces the central figure, Mookie (Spike Lee).

Mookie delivers pizzas for Sal, the local pizzeria owner (Danny Aiello), who, like Mookie, attempts to keep peace between blacks and whites in the neighborhood.

Racist attitudes become apparent early on when Pino (John Turturro), Sal's son, condescends to Mookie. And Pino's expressions of racism become increasingly virulent during the film.

"Do the Right Thing" presents a multitude of somewhat irritating characters. Even one of the more empathetic of Lee's characters, Mookie, has carelessly fathered a son to whom he clearly offers inadequate attention.



He treats the child's mother with disrespect, repeatedly failing to visit her after he promises to do so.

Lee fills this film with contradictions. Mookie initially attempts to bridge a gap between blacks and whites in the film and ultimately becomes intricately involved in the film's violence. Sal, who shows concern for Mookie during the film, nonetheless tolerates Pino's patronizing attitude towards Mookie. Much later, Sal again displays affection for Mookie in a situation where others might not have.

By offering characters with exasperating

characteristics on both sides of this seemingly unresolvable conflict, Lee seems to strive toward presenting this situation in a realistic manner, offering no solutions to the problems.

Oddly, in a final conversation between Mookie and Sal, the two seem to manifest more caring concern for one another than at any other moment during the film.

Lee's cinematic artistry makes itself apparent early on, as he generates a sense of the sweltering heat with the unrelenting use of orange and yellow hues. He makes effective use of camera movement to communicate relations among people and material objects.

Although the film was shot on location in Brooklyn, "Do the Right Thing" on several occasions takes on the look of a studio back-lot production. This artificial look feels ironic in a film that struggles so intensely for realism.

Much has been written about the issue of Lee's seemingly tolerant attitude towards the film's violence. Lee concludes the film with the soundtrack's words "Fight The Power" from the group "Public Enemy," which, according to the National Review, has been associated with anti-Semitic statements made to the Washington Times.

And, through the relative placements of the film's concluding quotes, Malcolm X espouses violence in self-defense superceding that of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., who advocates peaceful change.

"Do the Right Thing" does succeed in several spheres. Lee skillfully relates a multitude of differing attitudes among residents of this neighborhood, repeatedly using the cinematic medium dexterously to heighten the moods he creates.

Lee certainly can be commended for producing, writing and directing a film that effectively generates fervent discussion.

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